STATE OF ALABAMA

Information Technology Policy

Policy 640-03_Rev A: Wireless Security

OBJECTIVE:

Establish the responsibilities for the secure deployment of wireless data and/or voice network capability onto State of Alabama network resources.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Executive branch organizations that deploy wireless networks or devices.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Access to State networks via unsecured wireless communication mechanisms is prohibited.

Wireless networks and access points (APs) shall be centrally managed by the Information Services Division (ISD) of the Department of Finance for all organizations on the capitol campus served by ISD.

Off-campus organizations may obtain and deploy their own wireless services after providing a security plan to the State IT Security Council for approval.

All organizations shall register their wireless networks and APs with ISD by contacting the ISD Help Desk.

To ensure security and supportability, organizations shall procure only wireless products that meet State standards.

IT Managers and Network Administrators shall ensure that only wireless systems deployed in compliance with applicable State standards are approved for connectivity to State networks unless granted an exclusive waiver by the State CIO.

ISD may examine the security settings of wireless access devices to determine compliance with standards and may block or remove from service any devices that pose an unacceptable risk to the state network.

ENFORCEMENT:

Refer to Information Technology Policy 600-00: Information Security. http://isd.alabama.gov/policy/Policy 600-00 Information Security.pdf

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

DEFINITIONS: Refer to Information Technology Dictionary http://isd.alabama.gov/policy/IT Dictionary.pdf

Signed by Jim Burns, Chief Information Officer

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Original	2/13/2007	
Rev A	8/18/2008	Requires registration with ISD for all wireless access devices.